



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2009**



DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2009
TIME: 5:06 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Bhaani Singh, Vice-Chairperson Jordan Flores, Lamont Carter, Ellen Hui, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry, Angela Sterling-Vick, (Hannah Bowman, Maggie Mei – Late)

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 13, 2009, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Sastry / Carter (Approved)

“That the Minutes of January 13, 2009 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

Approved: Chairperson Singh, Carter, Pinsky, Sastry, Sterling-Vick
Disapproved: None
Abstention: Vice Chair Flores, and Hui

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

A reminder was given to the Youth Commission from Chairperson Singh about speaking out of turn. To avoid interruptions, the Commissioners may speak when they are called upon.

Three representatives from the Alameda Youth Committee (AYC) invited the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC) to assist in judging the Alameda Teen Talent Show. Norman Lee, President of AYC, Arlynda Lau, and Kimberly Chen stated the event will be on Friday, March 6, from 7:00 – 9:30 PM at the Veteran’s Memorial Building. One judge was requested. Commissioner Pinsky was interested and will be the judge representing the Youth Advisory Commission.

Bruce Brubaker, Senior Associate Architect from Design, Community & Environment (DCE Planning), spoke to the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (AYAC) on how to have better seek input from youth and teens on 1) improving transportation and 2) discovering problems getting to schools throughout Alameda. A survey was given to the Youth Commission to complete.

The discussion continued regarding the following:

- 1) Bus routes and late arrivals of buses.
- 2) Bus stops/shelters and crosswalks can be improved.
- 3) Identifying bicycle paths in and around Alameda.

- 4) Ease traffic congestion at the High Schools (AYAC).
- 5) Community Base Transportation (CBT) Plan in which AC Transit and Alameda County provide an emergency transportation "Lifeline Plan" to the Hospital in case of emergency.

No oral communication from staff.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Sastry stated Jeff Cambra is interested in having a summer television show on career awareness for teens. Commissioner Sastry would like to know if this would interest any of the Commissioners, and will contact them when she gets more information.

5. New Business

A. Introduction of new Youth Commissioner: Ellen Hui

The Youth Commissioner introduced themselves to Ellen Hui, who was recently nominated to AYAC.

6. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS (Discussion / Action Item)

A. Teen Job Skills Workshop / Career Faire (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Pinsky reported to the Commission on promotion of the workshop and faire. More details to follow after the second meeting, which is in two weeks. At the next meeting, both the high school's, college and career centers will be invited to the next meeting for input, planning, and promotion. Chairperson Singh stated that she will need to withdrawal from the Job Search Workshop Subcommittee but found a replacement; Commissioner Bowman will now assist with the Workshop Committee. The event tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 29th, 2009. Location and time to be determined at a later date.

No action taken.

B. Apparel, uniform, name badges, etc.

Commissioner Carter reported back regarding the cost of apparel (t-shirts, promotional items, etc.), He contacted Patrick Kenney at Cairdea Design & Marketing. Quotes are \$ 25 shirt, \$30 sweaters, with no set up charges. T/C Wong requested Commissioner Carter get a printed quote from Cairdea on the apparel before proceeding. The new AYAC logo is needed and should be sent over to Cairdea once everything is approved.

Both Commissioner Sterling-Vick and Flores brought up where the funding will come from for the shirts. R/S Russi stated that the apparel is simple and generic enough, the City may be able to assist in some capacity. R/S Russi also stated the apparel will be a way to promote the AYAC. T/C Wong stated, that if any of the Commissioners would like their apparel personalized with their name, they would have to pay an additional charge.

M/S/C Pinsky / Sastry (Approved)

"To continue working with Cairdea on the apparel with the listed prices above."

Approved: Chairperson Singh, Bowman, Carter, Mei, Pinsky, Sastry
Disapproved: Vice-Chair Flores, and Sterling-Vick
Abstention: Hui

C. Reduction of Vehicle Trips at Schools (Discussion / Action)

Commissioner Bowman stated that the draft of the Reduction of Vehicle Trips to the High Schools was done and e-mailed to ARPD staff for review. R/S Russi reminded all Commissioners that when sending reports, make sure the word “**DRAFT**” is on the top right corner of the documents so readers are aware that the correspondence is a working document. Commissioner Bowman also reported, according to Barbara Hawkins, City Engineer, things can change as long as there is a process that is followed. ARPD Staff will review the Draft report, include staff input, and submit the finished report then forward the finish report to the Transportation Commission Staff for review and further direction. The Transportation Commission will notify ARPD staff and AYAC about placement on the Agenda for the upcoming meetings of February 25th or March 25th, 2009.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

R/S Russi announced that Jim Franz, Community Development Coordinator for the City. He took over for Audrey Lord-Hausman after she retired. His responsibility includes the Youth Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF). Mr. Franz is also a member of the Social Services Human Relation Board (SSHRB), and is very active in the local community. He invited the AYAC to the ACCYF Retreat on Wednesday, February 18th, at the Alameda Free Library. Commissioner Pinsky will represent the AYAC at the Retreat and will report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Pinsky announced a Pillow Fight Event in San Francisco Ferry Building on Saturday, February 14th (Valentine’s Day), at 6:00 PM.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 10, 2009; 5:00 PM (City Hall, Room 360)

9. Adjournment 6:20 PM